

February 26, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy, I write to express our support for S. 383, the USE IT Act, and applaud your leadership in introducing this bill. We also appreciate Sen. Whitehouse's tireless efforts to advance this legislation and are thankful to the many other members on both sides of the aisle who are cosponsors.

As a conservation organization whose mission is to protect the land and waters on which all life depends, we are committed to finding common sense solutions to some of nature's greatest challenges, including climate change. The Conservancy recognizes that carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration can play a role in meeting the long-term greenhouse gas reduction targets that science indicates will be necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. We support efforts to ensure carbon capture is available as an effective tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining environmental safeguards.

TNC supports the passage of the USE IT Act and its efforts to advance carbon capture. By investing in research and development for carbon capture, and assessing its benefits and risks, the USE IT Act will play a critical role in helping these technologies come to market in an effective and responsible way.

We appreciate the bipartisan leadership on this issue and urge the Environment and Public Works Committee to support the legislation. We also look forward to working with other members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to move the USE IT Act forward so that it can be signed into law this Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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The Nature Conservancy

cc: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse